

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2007.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-8 and 25 are allowed is noted with appreciation. In an effort to expedite ultimate issuance of a patent containing the allowed claims, Applicants have amended the claims to include only the allowed subject matter, and have removed, either by cancellation or amendment, the rejected subject matter. Specifically, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 9-24 and 26-41, and amended claim 25.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the rejected subject matter in one or more continuation applications, and decline to comment on the merit of such rejections herein.

Applicants also submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. For the reasons discussed herein, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections, and request the Examiner to reconsider patentability of the pending claims based on the amendments and arguments herein.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

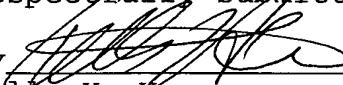
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is, authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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